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# MAHĀYĀNAVIMŚAKA OF NĀGĀRJUNA

## PREFACE

The Tibetan and the Chinese translations of the present treatise with an English translation made by him was published in a paper in 1927 by Mr. Susumu Yamaguchi in *The Eastern Buddhist*, Vol. IV, No. 1-2, pp. 56-72, 167-176. Having gone through the edition it occurred to me that further studies in it were required and I made an attempt to reconstruct the lost Sanskrit text from the Tibetan and the Chinese versions collating them as far as was possible for me. And the result is now placed before the public.

There are two Tibetan versions, T<sup>1</sup> and T<sup>2</sup>, and Mr. Yamaguchi used the "Red" or the Peking edition (=P) of them. I have compared it as printed in the paper with the "Black" or the Narthang edition (=N) in our library. He does not give any particulars regarding the edition of the Chinese version (=C) he has used. I have compared it with the Shanghai edition and found only one variation in the end of the third line of the kārīkā, No. 5 as noted in the Notes.

For the sake of convenience of comparison I have followed the number of the order of the kārīkās as given by Mr. Yamaguchi, but the right order, in my humble opinion, is indicated by numbers above the kārīkās.

The kārīkās, only four in number, which, I think, are added afterwards, are printed in smaller types.

For easy reference both the Tibetan texts and a facsimile of the Chinese version of the Shanghai (1909-1913) edition are given here.

In the Comparative Notes I have translated into Sanskrit each line of every kārīkā in its three versions, two Tibetan and one Chinese, where all of them are found. I have also tried to find out their mutual agreement and disagreement, though in some cases very slight, and to show from which line or lines of



them each line of a káriká is reconstructed. An attempt has also been made to explain the difficult words or passages in the text.

As regards the Chinese portion of the work I am much indebted to my dear friend Prof. Dr. G. Tucci for the indispensable help he has given me.

There has been added an English translation.

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## INTRODUCTION.

### §1. THE MAHĀYĀNAVIMŚAKA.

The small treatise of which the original Sanskrit is lost and a Reconstruction from the Tibetan and Chinese versions is now presented here for the first time is called *Mahāyānavimśaka*, as evident from the Tibetan and Chinese sources. In Tibetan the very name is transliterated together with its translation, *Theg. pa. chen. po. ni. ñi. su.* In Chinese version it is named *Ta shang erh shi sung lung* literally meaning *Mahāyānagāthā-* (or *kārikā-*)*vimśaka-śāstra.*

There are other two works of the same or similar name, *Mahāyānavimśati* (Tib. *Theg. pa. chen. po. ñi. su*) and *Tattvamahāyānavimśati* (Tib. *De. kho. na. ñid. theg. pa. chen. po. ñi. su*).<sup>1</sup> But as an examination of the contents of them shows these two books are quite different from our *Mahāyānavimśaka*. They are edited<sup>2</sup> in the original Sanskrit by Pandit Haraprasad Shastri under somewhat different names, *Mahāyānavimśikā* and *Tattvavimśikā* respectively, in a volume called *Advayavajrasamgraha*, GOS, 1927, pp. 54, 52. They are attributed to Advayavajra.

### §2. THE AUTHOR.

The authorship of the work is assigned to Nāgārjuna in the colophons of the Tibetan and Chinese translations. While T<sup>2</sup> has prefixed to his name the epithet *ācārya* (*slob. dpon*), and T<sup>1</sup> *ācārya āryā* (*slob. dpon. ḥphags*), C has *Mahā-* (*ta*). Now in Buddhist literature there are more than one Nāgārjuna ; one Nāgārjuna who systematized the Mādhyamika philosophy is well-known ; there is another Nāgārjuna who is said to have been one of the eighty four *Siddhas* and to whom the authorship of most of the books found against his name in the *Rgyud.ḥgrel* or *Tantravṛtti* section of Cordier's Catalogue of Tanjur, Vol. III, may rightly be attributed. The second Nāgārjuna is also called *ārya*, *ācārya-ārya*, and besides them *mahācārya*, *mahācārya-ārya*, *bhikṣu*, and *bhaṭṭāraka*. Which of these two Nāgārjunas is the real author of the *Mahāyānavimśaka* is a natural question, but it should now remain unsettled owing to want of sufficient materials. It may, however, be observed that there is no evidence to show that it is the first Nāgārjuna to whom we may assign the authorship of the

<sup>1</sup> Cordier, Vol. II, p. 217.

<sup>2</sup> This edition is not critical and full of mistakes, and as such should be used very carefully.



work. It may be noted here that the date of the first Nāgārjuna is *circa* 200 A.D., while the second Nāgārjuna is believed to have flourished in about the first half of the seventh century A.D.

### §3. TRANSLATIONS.

#### *Tibetan and Chinese.*

There are two Tibetan translations of the *Mahāyānavimśaka*, and both are preserved in the Tanjur, Mdo ; one in Gi (fols. 211<sup>b</sup>.8—213<sup>a</sup>.2) and the other in Tsa (fols. 156<sup>a</sup>.4—157<sup>a</sup>.5) (Cordier, Vol. III, pp. 357, 293). For the sake of reference we mark them by T<sup>1</sup> and T<sup>2</sup> respectively. There is nothing to show that these two translators knew of each other's translation.

T<sup>1</sup> was made by one Paṇḍita Ānanda (Jayānanda) of Kashmir and the Tibetan Translator Bhikṣu Kīrttiḥhutiprajña (*Dge. loṇ. grags. ḥbyor. śes. rab*) and T<sup>2</sup> by an Indian Paṇḍita Candrakumāra and Bhikṣu Śākyaprabha (*Dge. loṇ. śā. kya. ḥod*). Śākyaprabha is also the translator of the *Tattva-mahāyānavimśatī* already referred to. He was contemporary of Gopāla,<sup>1</sup> the founder of the Pal dynasty in Bengal (800 A.D.).

There is a Chinese translation made by Dānapāla (*Shī-hu*) in 980—1000 A.D. in the later Sung dynasty, 960—1127 (B. Nanjio, No. 1308).

### §4. THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT.

No definite date can be assigned to our work until more materials are forthcoming. That the work was existent in 1000 A. D. is quite clear from the Chinese translation as shown above. Its existence in 800 A. D. is proved by the fact that it was translated into Tibetan by Śākyaprabha, contemporary of Gopāla. The very name Nāgārjuna itself as its author, as found from both the sources, Tibetan and Chinese, clearly shows that it cannot be later than the last part of the seventh century A. D. It is further supported by the following fact. Indrabhūti who is believed to have flourished in 700 A. D. or just a few years after has the following śloka in his *Jñānasiddhi*<sup>1</sup>, XI. 8:

kalpanājalapūrṇasya saṃsārasya mahodadheḥ |  
vajrayānam anāruhya<sup>2</sup> ko vā pāram gamiṣyati ||

<sup>1</sup> Poussin: *Pañcakrama*, 1896, p. ix.

<sup>2</sup> *Two Vajryāna Works*, ed. Dr. Benoytosh Bhattacharyya, GOS, Baroda, 1929, p. 68.

<sup>3</sup> The actual reading in the text is *samāruhya* which is evidently wrong. The 'Tib. version reads *anāruḍhaḥ* (*ma. ḥon. par*).



This is in fact the *kārikā*, No. 22, of our *Mahāyānavimśaka* with the single variation that while the former which deals with the *Vajrayāna* uses the word *vajra*-, the latter treating of the truth of *Mahāyāna* has there rightly *mahā*-. That this identity is not accidental but is a deliberate quotation by *Indrabhūti* from the *Mahāyānavimśaka* may be clear if one considers the fact that *Indrabhūti* expressly quotes from different works and writes at least a portion of his book with the materials taken from others.<sup>1</sup> In reality it is partly a compilation just like the *Subhāṣitasamgraha*, ed. Bendall. It can therefore be said that it is *Indrabhūti* who has borrowed the *kārikā* from the *Mahāyānavimśaka*.

### §5. ITS AUTHENTICITY.

That the present work is an authentic one can be known from the quotation referred to above. Moreover, the following *kārikā* (No. 10) is quoted from it as an *āgama*<sup>2</sup> in the Sanskrit commentary on the *Āścaryacaryācaya*<sup>3</sup> edited by Pandit Haraprasad Sastri, p. 6, in his *Buddha Gana o Doha* :<sup>4</sup>

yathā citrakaro rūpaṁ yakṣasyāstibhaṁkaram |  
samālikhya svayaṁ bhītaḥ saṁsāre'py abudhas tathā ||

But the term *āgama* as used in the commentary alluded to may not necessarily imply so much authenticity as the old canonical works have. For, while the word is once used (p. 56) with regard to a quotation<sup>5</sup> from the *Samādhirvāja-sūtra* (BTS, p. 28), or to that<sup>6</sup> from the *Gaṇḍavyūha*,<sup>7</sup> it is employed with reference to an *Aṭṭhāraṁsa* passage<sup>8</sup> or to a stanza<sup>9</sup> in the *Mahāyānavimśati* (or *Mahāyānavimśikā*)<sup>10</sup> of Advayaavajra, the time of which is believed to be about 978-1030 A. D.

<sup>1</sup> Op. Cit. p. 75 : sarvatantre sthitam tattvaṁ, tebhyaḥ (?) kiñcin nigadyate ; *Tattvasamgraha-tantrādau* sthitam ; p. 69 : yuktir apy ucyate 'dhunā *Yogatantrōkta*-*drṣṭāntaiḥ* ; p. 65 : uktam ca—*Kalpāntād*°. See also the whole of Chapter XV.

<sup>2</sup> Candrakīrti's *Madhyamakavṛtti*, p. 75 : "śākṣād atīndriyārthavidāṁ āptānaṁ yad vacanaṁ sa āgamaḥ." The speech of those authoritative persons who directly perceive things beyond the cognizance of the senses is called *āgama*°.

<sup>3</sup> Not *Caryācaryaviniścaya* as writes the editor. See IHQ, Vol. V., No. 4 ; *Pravāsi* (a Bengali Monthly), 1336 B.S., Kārttika, p. 141.

<sup>4</sup> *Vaṅgīya Sāhitya-Parīṣat-Granthāvalī*, No. 55, Cal. 1323 B.S.

<sup>5</sup> "Yathā kumārō" : Here are many wrong readings ; for better ones see *Madhyamakavṛtti* by Candrakīrti, p. 178.

<sup>6</sup> P. 58 : "dhūmena jñāyate vahnīro."

<sup>7</sup> See *Subhāṣitasamgraha*, p. 13.

<sup>8</sup> P. 70 : "jīma jala°."

<sup>9</sup> P. 77 : "na kleśā bodhito bhinnāo."

<sup>10</sup> *Advayaavajrasamgraha*, GOS, p. 56.



## §6. THE KĀRIKĀS OF THE WORK.

As regards the number of the kārīkās in the present treatise there is much discrepancy among the different versions ; T<sup>1</sup> has twenty kārīkās, T<sup>2</sup> twenty-three, and C twenty-four. The word *vinśaka* itself in the title of the work, *Mahāyāyanavinśaka*, clearly shows that it is composed of twenty kārīkās. But this fact alone cannot safely lead us to the final conclusion regarding the actual number of the kārīkās in the work. For, it is often seen that books which bear titles indicating the number of stanzas in them do not necessarily contain the same number of them. For instance, the *Vinśikā* of Vasubandhu (ed. Lévi) has *twenty-two* kārīkās with the commentary instead of *twenty* as signified by the name. In the present case, where there are different versions of the same work and each of them gives a different number of kārīkās, this difference cannot be ignored, and attempt should be made to explain it as far as possible.

In dealing with such questions preference is sometimes given to the shortest text ; but this is not always safe, for somehow or other a portion of the original may have been left out. Nor is it always safe to discard the longest text simply on account of the fact that it is the longest. One should therefore proceed to discuss the matter very cautiously depending more on the internal evidences, if any, than on the external.

If a kārīkā is found in all the versions, even with variants, we may safely take it as a genuine one. But if it is not so, there is room for doubt of its genuineness.

Now, we see that out of the twenty-three kārīkās in T<sup>2</sup> nineteen are to be found in all the three versions, and the numbers are 1-7, 10-17, and 19-22. And as such they can be regarded as genuine. The doubt is, however, in regard to the remaining four, *viz.*, Nos. 8, 9, 18 and 23. They are entirely wanting in T<sup>1</sup>, and are found only in T<sup>2</sup> and C.

In the longest text, C, the number of the kārīkās is, as said before, twenty-four. Here the additional number is due to the fact that where T<sup>2</sup> has one kārīkā, C and T<sup>1</sup> have two (see No. 21).

As the consequence of *kalpanā* is well described in Nos. 11 and 12, which are found in each of the versions, it appears that No. 8 which is only in T<sup>2</sup> and C is not necessary. Similarly when the nature of *sattvas* is already shown in No. 2 in all the texts, and *pratītyasamutpāda* already mentioned in No. 3 and in No. 15 is spoken of again, it seems that No. 9 which occurs only in T<sup>2</sup> and C is not required. One may, therefore, think



that these two *kārikās*, Nos. 8 and 9, were added afterwards. It should, however, be noted that the reason advanced here is not conclusive.

As regards No. 18 it may be observed that when *samskṛta* is already described as *sūnya* in No. 3, to say of it again in No. 18, though with some addition, after what has been said in Nos. 16 and 17, seems to be quite unnecessary. Nor can it be put just before the concluding *kārikā*, No. 22 (=T<sup>1</sup>20, T<sup>2</sup>22, C 24), in accordance with the Chinese version.

No. 22 (=T<sup>1</sup>20, T<sup>2</sup>22, C 24) is to be found in all the versions. Its subject matter and the number of order in T<sup>1</sup> and C (*viz.*, 20 and 24 respectively) taken together with what is said in the preceding *kārikā*, No. 21, clearly point out that it is the concluding *kārikā* of the treatise. Therefore No. 23 cannot be placed at the end as it is done in T<sup>2</sup>. This is perfectly clear also from the number of order (22) in C. No. 20 is C 21 ; after it let one read No. 23 and it will be apparent that even here it cannot rightly be placed.

Thus one may think that the above four *kārikās*, Nos. 8, 9, 18 and 23, did not originally form a part of our *Mahāyānavimśaka*.

The four *kārikās* mentioned above being excluded we have twenty *kārikās* in all in T<sup>1</sup>. According to it the *kārikā* No. 18<sup>a</sup> which in fact is 17 in T<sup>1</sup> is to be put before No. 19 in the place of No. 18. C, too, has thus twenty *kārikās*. But in T<sup>2</sup> there are only nineteen and it is due to the fact that No. 18<sup>a</sup> or T<sup>1</sup>17 corresponding partly to Nos. 18 and 19 of C is here completely omitted.

#### §7. THE ORDER OF THE KĀRIKĀS.

The following table shows the actual order of the *kārikās* as arranged in the Tibetan and Chinese versions :

T <sup>2</sup>	T <sup>1</sup>	C
1—5	1—5	1—5
6	6	7
7	7	6
8	0	8
9	0	9
10	8	10
11	9	11
12	10	12
13	11	13
14	12	14



a Buddha, so that one can help them. The world is *śūnya* to him who realizes the transcendental truth having known *pratītyasamutpāda*. The *saṃsāra* and *nirvāṇa* are mere appearance ; in fact, they have no existence ; the truth is that the things are quiescent from the very beginning (*ādiśānta*), clean, changeless and pure. All this is nothing but mind (*citta*), and just like *māyā*. When the wheel of this mind (*citta-cakra*) is destroyed all things disappear ; therefore they are *anātman* (i.e., without any definite nature). The things have no nature whatsoever, yet, the people take them to be eternal, think them to be *ātman*, and consider that happiness may be derived from them. And thus they are covered with the darkness of ignorance and attachment and fall into the ocean of *saṃsāra*. And without the 'great conveyance' (*Mahāyāna*) no body can reach the other side of that ocean.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS.

The letters *a*, *b*, *c* and *d* imply the four lines of a stanza respectively.

C stands for Chinese version (B. Nanjio, No. 1308).

T<sup>1</sup> stands for Tibetan version, Tanjur, Mdo, Gi, fols, 211<sup>b</sup>.8—213<sup>a</sup>.2 (Cordier, Vol. III, 357).

T<sup>2</sup> stands for Tibetan version, Tanjur, Mdo, Tsa, fols, 156<sup>a</sup>.4—157<sup>a</sup>.5 (Cordier, Vol. III, p. 293).

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N.B.—In the Tibetan in Roman transcription, *ṇ* has been used for the guttural nasal (= *ng* as in English *sing*). This letter, *ṇ*, is used for the Sanskrit and other Indian cerebral *n*, but as the press did not have the proper letter for the guttural nasal we have used *ṇ* as a makeshift. In Sanskrit words, simple *n* before gutturals stands for the guttural nasal.



## RESTORED SANSKRIT TEXT

### MAHĀYĀNAVIMŚAKAM

Namas Triratnāya.

1

namo vācā'vācyam api dayayā yen deśitam 1  
dhimate vitarāgāya buddhāyācintyaśaktaye 11 1 11

2

paramārthena notpādo nirodho'pi na tattvataḥ 1  
buddha ākāsavat tadvat sattvā apy ekalakṣaṇāḥ 11 2 11

3

nāsmiṃs tasmiṃs taṭe jātiḥ saṃskṛtaṃ pratyayodbhavam 1  
śūnyam eva svarūpeṇa sarvajñajñānagocaraḥ 11 3 11

4

sarve bhāvāḥ svabhāvena pratibimbamā matāḥ 1  
śuddhāḥ śāntasvabhāvāś ca advayās tathatā samāḥ 11 4 11

5

tattvenāśātmāni pṛthag-janenātmā vikalpitaḥ 1  
sukhāni duḥkham upekṣā ca kleśo mokṣas tathaiva ca 11 5 11

6

gatayaḥ saḍ hi saṃsāre sugataḥ sukham uttamam 1  
narake ca māhad duḥkham sarvāni na tattvagocaraḥ 11 6 11

7

aśubhād duḥkham atyantāni jarā vyādhis tathā mṛtiḥ 1  
karmabhis tu śubhair eva śubham eva hi niścitam 11 7 11

mithyākalpanayā sattvā dāvāgnineva kānanam 1  
kleśānalena dahyante narakādaḥ patanti ca 11 8 11  
yathā yathā bhaven māyā sattvāḥ syur gocarās tathā 1  
jagan māyāsvarūpāni hi pratīyasambhavaṃ tathā 11 9 11

8

\* yathā citrakaro rūpāni yakṣasyātibhayankaram 1  
samālikhya svayaṃ bhūtaḥ saṃsāre'py abudhas tathā 11 10 11

9

svayaṃ calan yathā paṇke bālaḥ kaścin nimajjati 1  
nimagnāḥ kalpanāpaṇke sattvās tathodgamākṣamāḥ 11 11 11



10

bhāvadarśanato'bhāve vedyate duḥkhavedanā 1  
 tayor jñānaviṣayayor bādhyante kalpanāviśaiḥ 11 12 11

11

ālokya tām aśaraṇān karuṇāvaśamānasaḥ 1  
 sattvānām upakārāya bodhicaryāṁ samācaret 11 13 11

12

tayā sañcītya sambhārān prāpto bodhim anuttarām 1  
 kalpanābandhanān muktaḥ syād buddho lokabāndhavaḥ 11 14 11

13

yaḥ pratītyasamutpādād bhūtārtham avalokate 1  
 sa jānāti jagac chūnyam ādimadhyāntavarjitam 11 15 11

14

darśanenaiva saṁsāro nirvāṇam ca na tattvataḥ 1  
 nirañjanam nirvikāram ādiśāntam prabhāsvaram 11 16 11

15

viśayaḥ svapnabodhasya prabuddhena na dṛśyate 1  
 mohāndhakārodbuddhena saṁsāro naiva dṛśyate 11 17 11  
 māyaiva dṛśyate māyānirmītaṁ saṁskṛtaṁ yadā 1  
 naiva kiñcit tadā bhāvo dharmāṇāṁ saiva dharmitā 11 18 11

16

jātimān na svayaṁ jāto jātir lokair vikalpitā 1  
 vikalpāś caiva sattvāś ca dvayam etan na yujyate 11 18 11

17

cittamātram idaṁ sarvaṁ māyāvad avatiṣṭhate 1  
 tataḥ śubhāśubhaṁ karma tato jātiḥ śubhāśubhā 11 19 11

18

sarve dharmā nirudhyante cittacakranirodhataḥ 1  
 anātmānas tato dharmā viśuddhās tata eva te 11 20 11

19

bhāveṣu niḥsvabhāveṣu nityātmasukhasamjñāyā 1  
 rāgamohatamaśchannasyodbhūto'yaṁ bhavāmbudhiḥ 11 21 11

20

\* kalpanājalapūrṇasya saṁsārasya mahodadheḥ 1  
 mahāyānam anārūḍhaḥ ko vā pāram gamiṣyati 11 22 11

avidyāpratītyayotpannasyāśya lokasya saṁvidāḥ 1  
 kutaḥ khalu bhaved eṣāṁ vitarkānāṁ samudbhavaḥ 11 23 11

11 Ācāryārya-Nāgārjuna-kṛtāṁ Mahāyānaviṁśakāṁ sampūrṇam 11



## TRANSLATION.

### ADORATION TO THE THREE TREASURES.

#### 1

I make my obeisance to the Buddha who is wise, free from all attachment, and whose powers are beyond conception, and who has kindly taught the truth which cannot be expressed by words. 1.

#### 2

In the transcendental truth there is no origination (*utpāda*), and in fact, there is no destruction (*nirodha*). The Buddha is like the sky (which has neither origination nor cessation), and the beings are like him, and therefore they<sup>1</sup> are of the same nature. 2.

#### 3

There is no birth either on this or the other side (of the world). A compound thing (*samskṛta*) originates from its conditions. Therefore it is *śūnya* by its nature. This fact comes into the range of knowledge of an omniscient one. 3.

#### 4

All things by nature are regarded as reflections. They are pure and naturally quiescent, devoid of any duality, equal, and remain always and in all circumstances in the same way (*tathatā*). 4.

#### 5

In fact, worldings attribute *ātman* to what is not *ātman*, and in the same way they imagine happiness, misery, indifference, passions and liberation. 5.

#### 6—7

Birth in the six realms of existence in the world, highest happiness in the heaven, great pain in the hell,—these do not come within the per-view of truth (*i.e.* cannot be accepted as true); nor do the notions that unmeritorious actions lead to the extreme misery, old age, disease, and death, and meritorious actions surely bring about good results. 6-7.

It is owing to false notions that beings are consumed by fire of passions even as a forest is burnt by forest conflagration and fall into the hells, etc. 8.

As illusion prevails so do beings make their appearance. The world is illusory and it exists only on account of its cause and conditions. 9.

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<sup>1</sup> The Buddha and the beings.



## 8

As a painter is frightened by the terrible figure of a Yakṣa which he himself has drawn, so is a fool frightened in the world (by his own false notions). 10.

## 9

Even as a fool going himself to a quagmire is drowned therein, so are beings drowned in the quagmire of false notions and are unable to come out thereof. 11.

## 10

The feeling of misery is experienced by imagining a thing where in fact it has no existence. Beings are tortured by the poison of false notions regarding the object and its knowledge. 12.

## 11

Seeing these helpless beings with a compassionate heart one should perform the practices of the highest knowledge (*bodhicaryā*) for the benefit of them. 13.

## 12

Having acquired requisites thereby and getting unsurpassable *bodhi* one should become a Buddha, the friend of the world, being freed from the bondage of false notions. 14.

## 13

He who realizes the transcendental truth knowing the *pratītyasamutpāda* (or the manifestation of entities depending on their causes and conditions), knows the world to be *śūnya* and devoid of beginning, middle or end. 15.

## 14

The *saṃsāra* and *nirvāṇa* are mere appearances ; the truth is stainless, changeless, and quiescent from the beginning and illumined. 16.

## 15

The object of knowledge in dream is not seen when one awakes. Similarly the world disappears to him who is awakened from the darkness of ignorance. 17.

The creation of illusion is nothing but illusion. When everything is compound there is nothing which can be regarded as a real thing. Such is the nature of all things. 18.

## 16

One having origination (*jāti*) does not originate himself. Origination is a false conception of the people. Such conceptions and (conceived) beings, these two are not reasonable. 18a.



17

All this is nothing but mind (*citta*) and exists just like an illusion. Hence originate good and evil actions and from them good and evil birth. 19.

18

When the wheel of the mind is suppressed, all things are suppressed. Therefore all things are devoid of *ātman* (independent nature), and consequently they are pure. 20.

19

It is due to thinking the things which have no independent nature as eternal, *ātman*, and pleasant that this ocean of existence (*bhava*) appears to one who is enveloped by the darkness of attachment and ignorance. 21.

20

Who can reach the other side of the great ocean of *saṃsāra* which is full of water of false notions without getting into the great vehicle (*i.e.*, *Mahāyāna*)? 22.

How can these false notions arise in a man who thoroughly knows this world which has originated from ignorance? 23.

Here ends the *Mahāyānavimśaka* of Ācārya Nāgarjuna.



## CHINESE TEXT.

## 大乘二十頌論

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詔譯

1 歸命不可思議性 諸佛無著真實智 諸法非言非無言 佛悲愍故善宣說

2 第一義無生 隨轉而無性 佛衆生一相 如虛空平等 此彼岸無生 自性緣所生 彼諸行皆空

一切智智行 無染真如性 無二等寂靜 諸法性自性 如影像無異 凡夫分別心 無實我計我

故起諸煩惱 及苦樂捨等 世間老病死 爲苦不可愛 隨諸業墜墮 此實無有樂 天趣勝妙樂

地獄極大苦 皆不實境界 六趣常輪轉 衆生妄分別 煩惱火燒燃 墮地獄等趣 如野火燒林

9 衆生本如幻 復取幻境界 履幻所成道 不了從緣生 如世間畫師 畫作夜叉相 自豈已自怖

此名無智者 衆生自起染 造彼輪迴因 造已怖墜墮 無智不解脫 衆生虛妄心 起疑惑垢染

無性計有性 受苦中極苦 佛見彼無救 乃起悲愍意 故發菩提心 廣修菩提行 得無上智果

16 即觀察世間 分別所纏縛 故爲作利益 從生及生已 悉示正真義 後觀世間空 離初中後際

觀生死涅槃 是二俱無我 無染亦無壞 本清淨常寂 夢中諸境界 覺已悉無見 智者寢寢睡

亦不見生死 愚癡闇蔽者 墜墮生死海 無生計有生 起世間分別 若分別有生 衆生不如理

於生死法中 起常樂我想 此一切唯心 安立幻化相 作善不善業 感善不善生 若滅於心輪

即滅一切法 是諸法無我 諸法悉清淨 若能不起分別心 一切衆生何所生 於彼諸法性中

22 佛廣宣說世間法 當知即是無明緣 智者應當如是知 生死輪迴大海中 衆生煩惱水充滿

實求少法不可得 如世幻師作幻事 若不運載以大乘 畢竟何能到彼岸

## 大乘二十頌論



## TIBETAN TEXT.

### I (T<sup>1</sup>).

rga.gar.skad.du l ma.hā.yā.na.vim.śa.ka l  
bod.skad.du l theg.pa.chen.po.ni.ñi.su.pa ll  
dkon.mchog.gsum.la.phyag.ḥtshal.lo ll

#### 1

gaṇ.gis. brjod.paḥi.chos.kyis. ni l  
brjod.du.med. kyaṇ brtse.bas. bstan l  
chags.med. blo.can. blo<sup>1</sup>.med.paḥi l  
mthu.can. saṅs.rgyas.la. phyag. ḥtshal ll

#### 2

skye.ba. don.du. yod. ma. yin l  
ḥgag.paḥaṇ de.ñid.du. med. de l  
saṅs.rgyas. nam.mkhha. ji.bžin.la l  
sems.can.rnams. kyaṇ. mtshan.ñid.gcig ll

#### 3

pha.rol. tshu.rol. skye med.pas<sup>2</sup> l  
ḥdus.bys. rten.skyes. de.dag.kyaṇ l  
raṇ.gi.ṇo.bo. stoṇ.pa.ñid l  
kun.mkhen.ye.śes.spyod.yul.can ll

#### 4

dṇos.po. thams.cad. raṇ.bžin.gyis l  
gzugs.brñan.daṇ. ni. mtshuṅs.par. ḥdod l  
dag. daṇ. zi.baḥi.raṇ.bžin. te l  
gñis.med. de.bžin.ñid. daṇ. mtshuṅs ll

#### 5

so.soḥi.skye.bo. de.ñid. du l  
brag.med.na. yaṇ. ḥdag.ñid. du l  
bde. daṇ. sdug.bsṇal. btaṇ.sñoms. daṇ l  
ñon.moṅs. kun.tu. rnam.par.brtag ll

<sup>1</sup> P blon. Read bla. Here bla.med=bla.na.med.

<sup>2</sup> After pha.rol P reads tshul.bžin. skyes.pa.yi.



## 6

ḥkhor.bar. ḥgro.ba. rnam.drug. dan<sup>1</sup> l  
 bde.ḥgro. bde.ba. mchog. ṅid. dan<sup>1</sup> l  
 dmyal.bar. sdug.bsṅal. chen.po. dan<sup>1</sup> l  
 yul.la. de.ṅid. mi.bsam.par<sup>1</sup> ll

## 7

gžan.yaṅ. mi.dge. sdug.bsṅal. dan<sup>1</sup> l  
 rga.dan. na. dan. mi.rtag.ṅid l  
 las.rnams.kyi. ni. rnam.smin. dan<sup>2</sup> l  
 bde.ba. dan. ni. sdug.bsṅal. ṅid ll

## 8

yaṅ.dag. ri.mo.mkhan.gyis. ni l  
 śin.tu.ḥjigs.byed. gśen.rjeḥi.gzugs l  
 bris.te. raṅ. yaṅ. ḥjigs.pa. ltar l  
 ḥkhor.bar. rmons.paḥaṅ. de.bžin. no ll

## 9

ji.ltar.raṅ.gis. ḥdam. byas.nas l  
 byis.pa. ḥgaḥ<sup>3</sup>.ba. ḥdren.pa.ltar l  
 de.bžin. śin.tu. dgaḥ.ba.yi l  
 rnam.rtog.ḥdam.du. sems.can. byin ll

## 10

med.la. yod.par.mthoṅ.ba. yin l  
 sdug.bsṅal. tshor.ba. myoṅ.bar.byed l  
 ṅam.ṇa. phyin.ci.log.blo.yis l  
 rtag.paḥi dug.gis. gnod.par.byed ll

## 11

skyabs.med. de.dag. mthoṅ.nas. ni l  
 sūṅ.rjeḥi.dbaṅ.gyur.yid.can.gyis l  
 saṅs.rgyas. phan.mdzad. sems.can.rnams l  
 rdzogs.paḥi. byaṅ.chub. la. spyod<sup>4</sup>. mdzad ll

<sup>1</sup> See Notes.

<sup>2</sup> For *smin.dan* P *par.smin*.

<sup>3</sup> Both N and P *dgaḥ*.

<sup>4</sup> P *sbyor*.



## 12

de.dag. bsod.nams. tshogs. bsags.nas l  
 rtog.paḥi.dra.ba.las. grol.te l  
 ye.śes. bla.na.med.pa. ḥthob l  
 saṅs.rgyas. hjig.rten.gñen.du. ḥgyur ll

## 13

yaṅ.dag.don.ni. mthoṅ.baḥi.phyir l  
 ji.bžin.ye.śes.skyes.pa.rnams l  
 de.nas. thog.mthaḥ.bar.spaṅs.paḥi l  
 hgro.ba. stoṅ.pa. ñid. du. mthoṅ ll

## 14

de.dag. bdag.ñid. ḥkhor.ba.daṅ l  
 mya.ṇan.ḥdas.pa<sup>1</sup> mi. mthoṅ. ṇo l  
 ma.gos. hgyur.ba. med.pa. daṅ l  
 gzoṅ.nas. ži.žin. ḥod.gsal.baḥo ll

## 15

rmi.lam.ṇams.su.myoṅ.baḥi. yul l  
 sad.par.gyur ni.<sup>2</sup> mi. mthoṅ. ṇo l  
 rmoṅs.paḥi.mun.pa.sad.pa.yis l  
 ḥkhor.bā. mthoṅ.ba. ma. yin. ñid ll

## 16

raṅ.bžin.med.paḥi. dṇos.rnams.la l  
 rtag.bdag.bde.bahi.<sup>3</sup> hdu.śes.kyis l  
 chags.rmoṅs.mun.pas. bsgribs.pa.na l  
 srid.paḥi.rga.mtsho. ḥdi. ḥbyuṅ. ṇo ll

## 17

skye.bo.<sup>4</sup> raṅ.ñid. ma.skyes.rnams l  
 hjig.rten.rnams.kyis. skye.bar. brtags l  
 rnam.par.rtog. daṅ. sems.<sup>5</sup>can.rnams l  
 ḥdi. daṅ. gñis.kar. rigs<sup>6</sup> ma. yin ll

<sup>1</sup> P paḥi for pa.

<sup>2</sup> Both N and P na.

<sup>3</sup> N med.

<sup>4</sup> Both N and P ba for bo. See Notes.

<sup>5</sup> P *sems*, evidently a misprint.

<sup>6</sup> N rig.

## 18

ḥdi.dag. thams.cad. sems.tsam. ste<sup>1</sup> 1  
 sgyu.mar.ḥgyur.ba.bžin. du. skye 1  
 de.las. dge. daṇ. mi.dge. las 1  
 de.las. ske.ba. bžan. daṇ. ṇan 11

## 19

sams.kyi. ḥkhor.ba. ḥgags.pa.na 1  
 kun.gyi. chos.ñid. ḥgag.pa. yin 1  
 de.ñid. chos.la. bdag. med. de 1  
 de.ñid. chos.kyi. rnam.dag. ste 11

## 20

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theg.pa.che.la. ma.brten.par 1  
 ḥkhor.baḥi.rga.mtsho.chen.po.yi 1  
 pha.rol. brgal.bar. ḥgyur.ba. med<sup>2</sup> 1

theg.pa.chen.po.ñi.su.pa. slob.dpon. ḥphags.pa. klu.sgrub.kyis.  
 mdzad.pa. rdzogs. so 11

kha.cheḥi. paṇ.ḍi.ta. ā.nan.da. daṇ 1 lo.tsa.ba. dge.sloṇ. grags.hbyor  
 śes.rab.kyis. bsgyur.baḥo 11

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<sup>1</sup> N ste.

<sup>2</sup> P mñ.



## TIBETAN TEXT.

### II (T<sup>2</sup>)

rgya.gar.skod.du l ma.hā.yā.na.viñ.śi.kā ll

bod.skad.du l theg.pa.chen.po.ñi.su.pa ll

hjam.dpal.gžon.nur.gyur.pa.la. phyag ʔtshal.lò ll

#### 1

chags.med. thugs.su.chud. saṅs.rgas l

rjod.byed. bjod.par.bya.ba.min l

thugs.rjes. rgyal.bar.<sup>1</sup> snaṅ. gyur.pa l

mthu.bsam.mi.khyab. phyag.ʔtshal.lò ll

#### 2

dam.paḥi.don.du. skye.med.phyir l

de.ñid.du. ni. grol.baḥaṅ. med l

mkhaḥ.bžin. saṅs.rgas. de.bžin. te l

sems.can. daṅ. ni. mtshan.ñid.cig ll

#### 3

pha.rol. tshu.rol. skye. med.pas l

raṅ.bžin. mya.ṇan.ḥdas.paḥaṅ. med l

de.bžin. ḥdus.byas. mṇon.par. stoṅ l

kun.mkhyen.ye.śes.spyod.yul. yin ll

#### 4

dṇos.po. kun.gyi. raṅ.bžin.ni l

gzugs.brñan. daṅ. ni. mtshuṅs.par.rtogs ll

rnam.dag. ži.bahi.ṇo.bo. ñid l

gñis.med. de. bžin. ñid.du. mñam ll

#### 5

bdag. daṅ. bdag.med. bden. min. te l

so.sohi.skye.bos. brtags.pa. yin l

bde. daṅ. sdug.bsṇal. ltos<sup>2</sup>.pa. ste l

ñon. moṅs. rnms. daṅ grol.de.bžin ll

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<sup>1</sup> N *ba*.

<sup>2</sup> N *btos*.



## 6

ḥgro.ba. rigs. drug. ḥkhor.ba.ru 1  
 mtho.ris. mchog. daṇ. bde.ba. daṇ 1  
 dmyal.bar. sdug.bsṇal. chen.po. ste 1  
 de.dag. yul.rnams. ṇams.su.myoṇ 11

## 7

mi.dges. mchog.tu. sdug.bsṇal. žiṇ 1  
 dgaḥ.na. mi.rtag. rgud.pa. yin 1  
 dge.baḥi. las.rnams.ṇīd.kyis. kyaṇ 1  
 bzaṇ.po.ṇīd.du. ṇes.pa. yin 11

## 8

skye.med.rtog<sup>1</sup>.pas. bskrun.pa.yis 1  
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 dmyal.la.sogs.pa. sṇaṇ.ba.ni 1  
 ṇes.pa. ngas.kyi. me.bžin. bsreg 11

## 9

sgyu.ma. ji.lta. ji.lta.bar. 1  
 de.bžin. sems.can. yul.la.spyod 1  
 ḥgro.ba. sgyu.maḥi.raṇ.bžin. yin 1  
 de.bžin.du. ni. brten.nas. byuṇ 11

## 10

ji.ltar. ri.mo.mkhan. gyis<sup>2</sup>.gzugs 1  
 gnod.sbyin. ḥjigs.pa. bris.pa.yis 1  
 de.yis. raṇ.ṇīd. skrag.pa.ltar 1  
 mi.mkhas ḥkhor.bar. de.bžin. no 11

## 11

ji.ltar. raṇ.gis. ḥdam. gyos.pas 1  
 byis.pa. ḥgaḥ.žig. byiṇ.ba.ltar 1  
 de.bžin. rtog.paḥi. ḥdam.byiṇ.bas 1  
 sems.can.rnams.ni. hbyuṇ. mi. nus 11

<sup>1</sup> Read *rtog*. See Notes.

<sup>2</sup> N *gyi*.

## 12

dṅos.med. dṅos.por. lta.ba.yis<sup>1</sup> l  
 sdug.bsṅal.tshor.ba. ṅams.su.myoṇ l  
 yul. daṇ. ses.pa. de.dag.tu l  
 rnam. par. rtog<sup>2</sup>.paḥi. dug.gis. bcṅis ll

## 13

de.dag. sṅiṇ.po.med. mthoṇ.bas l  
 śes.rab.sṅiṇ.rjeḥi.yid.kyis. ni l  
 sems.can.rnams.la. phan.paḥi.phyir l  
 rdzogs. saṅs.rgyas.la. sbyor<sup>3</sup>.bar. bya ll

## 14

des. kyaṇ. tshogs. bsags. kun.rdzob. tu l  
 bla.na.med.paḥi. byaṇ. chub. thob l  
 rtog.paḥi. ḥchiṇ.ba.rnams.las. grol l  
 saṅs.rgas. de. ni. ḥjig.rten.gñen ll

## 15

ji.ltar. rten.ciṇ.ḥbrel.ḥbyuṇ.ba l  
 gaṇ.gis.<sup>4</sup> yaṇ.dag. don.du. gzigs l  
 de.yis. ḥgro.ba. stoṇ.par. mkhyen l  
 thog.ma. dbus. daṇ.tha.ma.<sup>5</sup> spaṅs ll

## 16

de.ltar. mthoṇ.bas. ḥkhor.ba. daṇ l  
 mya.ṇan.ḥdas.paḥaṇ de.ñid. min l  
 ñon.moṅs.pa.yi. rnam.pa.med. l  
 thog.ma.dbus.mthaḥ<sup>6</sup>.raṇ.bžin.gsaḥ<sup>7</sup> ll

## 17

rmi.lam. ṅams.sa.myoṇ.ba.bžin. l  
 so.sor.rtogs.pas. snaṇ.ba.min l  
 rmoṅs.paḥi. mun.pa. gñid.sad.la l  
 ḥkhor.ba.rnams. ni. dmigs.pa. med ll

<sup>1</sup> N *yin*.<sup>2</sup> N *rtogs*.<sup>3</sup> N *sbyar*.<sup>4</sup> N P *gi*.<sup>5</sup> It is in P, N reads *mthaḥ.ma*.<sup>6</sup> P *mthaḥi*.<sup>7</sup> P *bsal*.



## 18

sgyu.maḥi.<sup>1</sup> sprul.pa. sgyu.mar. mthoṇ 1  
 gaṇ.tshe. ḥdus.pa. deḥi. tshe 1  
 cuṇ.zad. yod.pa. ma. yin.te 1  
 de. ni. chos.rnams. chos.ñid. yin 11

## 19

ḥdi.dag. thams.cad. sems.tsam. te<sup>2</sup> 1  
 sgyu.ma.lta.bur. gnas.pa. yin 1  
 dge. daṇ. mi.dge. las.rnams.kyis 1  
 de.yis. bzaṇ. ṇan. skye.ba.rnams 11

## 20

sams.kyi. ḥkhor.lo. ḥgags.pa.yis 1  
 chos.rnams. thams.cad. ḥgag.pa. ñid 1  
 de.phyir: chos. ñid. bdag. med. ciṇ 1  
 des.na. chos.ñid. rnam.par.dag 11

## 21

dṇos.po. ḥam. ni. raṇ.bzin.la 1  
 rtag.tu. bde.bar. hdu.śes. śiṇ 1  
 rmoṇs.paḥi. mun.pas. bsgribs.pas.na 1  
 byis.pa.ḥkhor.baḥi. rga.mtshor. ḥkhyam 11

## 22

rtog.paḥi. chu.bos. gaṇ.ba.yi 1  
 ḥkhor.baḥi.rga.mtsho.chen.po.la 1  
 theg.chen.gru.la. mi.žon.par<sup>3</sup> 1  
 gaṇ.gis. pha.rol. phyin.par.ḥgyur 11

## 23

ma.rig<sup>4</sup> rkyen.gis. byuṇ.ba. ḥdi 1  
 yaṇ.dag. ḥjig.rten.mkhyen.paḥi. phyir 1  
 rnam.par.rtog.pa. ḥdi.dag. ni 1  
 ci.žig.las. ni. ḥbyuṇ.bar. ḥgyur 11

theg.pa.chen.po.ñi.su.pa. slob.dpon. klu.sgrub.kyi.žal.sṇa.nas.mdzad.pa.  
 rdzogs.so 11  
 rgya.gar.gi. mkhan.po. tsan.dra.ku.mā.ra. daṇ. dge.sloṇ.  
 śā.kya.ḥod.kyis. bsgur 11

<sup>1</sup> P mas.<sup>2</sup> P pa.<sup>3</sup> N can.te for tsam te.<sup>4</sup> N rigs.

## NOTES

### COMPARATIVE AND EXEGETIC.

For *triratnāya* T<sup>2</sup> *mañjuśrīkumārabhūtāya*.

1

- a C namo' cintyabhāvarūpebhyaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> yena vāgdharmeṇa  
T<sup>2</sup> vītarāgair avabudhair buddhaiḥ  
b C buddhebhyo vītragebhyaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> avacanam (or avācyam) api dayayā deśitam  
T<sup>2</sup> vītarāgair avācyam  
c C dharmā avacanā nāvacanāḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> vītarāgāya matimate 'nuttara-  
T<sup>2</sup> dayayā suprakāśitam  
d C buddhena dayayā sudeśitaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> śaktaye buddhāya namaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> acityaśaktaye namaḥ.

#### Comparison.

C a, T<sup>1</sup> c (last part) and d, T<sup>2</sup> d ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> c and d, T<sup>2</sup> a ;  
C c, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> c.

#### Restoration.

a C a, c, d ; T<sup>1</sup> a, b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. b C d ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> c. c C b ; T<sup>1</sup> c ;  
T<sup>2</sup> a. d C a, d ; T<sup>1</sup> c, d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

In c of T<sup>1</sup> after *blo.can* P has *blon.med*, while N reads *blo.med*. The last word *paḥi* shows that *blon.med* or *blo.med* is to be construed with the following word *mthu* in d. I think, therefore, that one should read here neither of the above two readings, but *bla.med* (= *bla.na.med.pa*) meaning *anuttara* in Sanskrit. It closely corresponds to the *mthu.bsam.mi.khyab* of T<sup>2</sup> in d, and is fully supported by C a (*pu k'o ssu i hsing*).

In a *vāgdharmeṇa* (or *vācā*) *avācyam* (or *anabhilāṣam*) (T<sup>1</sup> *brjod.paḥi.chos.kyis.ni.brjod.du.med*, T<sup>2</sup> *rjod.byed.brjod.paḥi.bya.ba.min*), or *na vācyam* (or *abhilāṣyam*) and *na avācyam* (*anabhilāṣyam*), or *na vacanam* and *na avacanam* (C *fei yen fei wu yen*), refers to Buddha's *anakṣara*



*dharma*, i.e., the *dharma* which is not expressed, or cannot be expressed by words. See MV., p. 264 ; BCP, (with a slight variation), p. 365 :

anakṣarasya dharmasya śrutiḥ kā deśanā ca kā 1  
śrūyate deśyate cāpi samāropād anakṣaraḥ 11

yasyāṁ rātrau tatāgato'bhisambuddho yasyāṁ ca parinirvṛto'trāntare  
tathāgatenaikam apy akṣaraṁ nodāhṛtam. See *Lankāvatāra*, ed. B.  
Nanjio, p. 143 ; Suduki, *Studies in the Lankāvatāra-sūtra*, p. 376.  
*Catustava* (*Nirupamastava*, 7) quoted in BCP., p. 420, and *Tattvaratnāvalī*  
in *Advayavajrasaṅgraha*, GOS, p. 22 :

nodāhṛtaṁ tvayā kiñcid ekamapy akṣaraṁ vibho 1  
kṛtsnaś ca vaineyaḥano dharmavarṣeṇa tarpitaḥ 11

Cf. also the following (MV, pp. 348-429) :

yo 'pi ca cintayi śūnyakadharmān  
so 'pi kumārgapapannaku bālaḥ 1  
akṣarakīrttiṭa śūnyakadharmās  
te ca anakṣara akṣara uktāḥ 11

*Mahāyānasūtrālankāra*, XII. 2 :

dharmo naiva ca deśito bhagavatā pratyātmavedyo yata  
ākṛṣṭā janatā ca yuktavihitair dharmaiḥ svakīṁ dharmatām 1

*Kenopaniṣad*, 3 :

na tatra cakṣur gacchati na vāg gacchati no manaḥ 1  
na vidmo no vijānīmo yathaitad anuśiṣyāt 11

## 2

- a C paramārthena notpādaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> utpādo vastuto nāsti  
T<sup>2</sup> paramārthena anutpādāt
- b C anuvṛttiś ca na svabhāvataḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> nirodho 'pi na tattvataḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> mokṣo 'pi nāsti tattvataḥ
- c C buddhaḥ sattva ekalakṣaṇaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> ākāśavad yathā buddhaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> ākāśavad tathā buddhaḥ
- d C ākāśavat sāmānyato drṣṭaṁ  
T<sup>1</sup> sattvā apy ekalakṣaṇāḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> sattvāś ca ekalakṣaṇāḥ

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup>a, T<sup>2</sup>a; C b, T<sup>1</sup>b, T<sup>2</sup>b; C d, T<sup>1</sup>c, T<sup>2</sup>c; C c,  
T<sup>1</sup>d, T<sup>2</sup>d.

*Restoration.*

a C a; T<sup>1</sup>a; T<sup>2</sup>a. b C b; T<sup>1</sup>b; T<sup>2</sup>b. c C d; T<sup>1</sup>c; T<sup>2</sup>c.  
d C c; T d; T<sup>2</sup> d.

In b for *nirodha* (ḥgag.pa) or *mokṣa* (grol.ba) in T<sup>1</sup> and T<sup>2</sup> respectively, C *anuvṛtti* (zui ten) which is evidently a wrong reading for *nirvṛti*. The reading *mokṣa* in T<sup>2</sup> is certainly not better than *nirodha*.

Nāgārjuna's doctrine of *anutpāda* and *anirrodha* is well-known, and specially in his *Madhyamaka-kārikā*.

The following from his *Yuktiṣaṣṭkā*, 22, may be quoted here:

de.ltar.ci yaṇ skye.ba.med l  
ci.yaṇ.ḥgag.par mi.ḥgyur.ro ll

We may translate it thus:

evam na kaścīd utpado l  
nirodho pi na kaścana ll

Like the sky the Buddha and the beings have neither *utpāda* (origination) nor *nirodha* (cessation). Therefore, in this respect they have the same characteristics. See *Aṣṭasāhasrikā-prajñāpārmitā*, pp. 39-40: māyopamās te devaputrāḥ sattvāḥ svapnopamās te devaputrāḥ sattvāḥ<sup>o</sup>. samyaksambuddho'py ārya subhūte māyopamaḥ svapnopamaḥ; BCP, IX, 151 (p. 590): *yataś cānutpannāniruddhāḥ sarvadharmā ata āha nirvṛt-etyādi*.

*nirvṛtānirvṛtānāṃ ca viśeṣo nāsti vastutaḥ l*

The following *kārikā* of which the wording is to be noted, is quoted here from Nāgārjuna's *Catuhṣṭava* cited in BCP, p. 590:

buddhānaṃ sattvadhatoś ca yenābhinnatvam arthataḥ l  
ātmanaś ca pareṣāṃ ca samatā tena te matā ll

## 3

- a C nāsmiṃs tasmiṃs taṭe jātīḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> pare apare ca tīre jātir nāstīti  
T<sup>2</sup> „  
b C svabhāvena pratītyasmutpannāni  
T<sup>1</sup> saṃskṛtāni pratyotpannāni tāni  
T<sup>2</sup> na nirvāṇaṃ svabhāvataḥ



- c C tāni samskr̥tāni sarvāṇi śūnyāni  
     T<sup>1</sup> svarupeṇa śūnyāny eva  
     T<sup>2</sup> vyaktam tathā samskr̥tam śūnyam  
 d C sarvajñajñānagocaraḥ  
     T<sup>1</sup> „  
     T<sup>2</sup> „

*Comparison.*

Ca, T<sup>1</sup>a, T<sup>2</sup>a ; C b, T<sup>1</sup>b ; C c, T<sup>1</sup>c, T<sup>2</sup>c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup>d, T<sup>2</sup>d.

*Restoration.*

a Ca ; T<sup>1</sup>a ; T<sup>2</sup>a. b Cb ; T<sup>1</sup>b. c Cc ; T<sup>1</sup>c ; T<sup>2</sup>c. d Cd ; T<sup>1</sup>d ; T<sup>2</sup>d.

T<sup>2</sup>b differs from all.

In T<sup>1</sup>a N has the same reading as in T<sup>2</sup>a, but P reads *pha.rol tshul. bžin. skyes.pa.yi*. This reading cannot be defended.

## 4

- a C akliṣṭās tathatārūpāḥ  
     T<sup>1</sup> sarve bhāvāḥ svabhāvena  
     T<sup>2</sup> „  
 b C advayāḥ śāntāḥ  
     T<sup>1</sup> pratibimbamā matāḥ  
     T<sup>2</sup> „  
 c C sarve dharmā lakṣaṇasvabhāvena  
     T<sup>1</sup> śuddhāḥ śāntasvabhāvāś ca  
     T<sup>2</sup> viśuddhāḥ śāntasvarūpāś ca  
 d C pratibimbopamā abhinnāḥ (= samāḥ)  
     T<sup>1</sup> advayās tathatā samāḥ  
     T<sup>2</sup> „

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> c-d, T<sup>2</sup> c-d ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> c-d, T<sup>2</sup> c-d ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> b-d, T<sup>2</sup> b-d.

*Restoration.*

a C c ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C d ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C a-b ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c. d C a-b-d ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

For *śuddha* and *śāntasvabhāva* see the note on *kārikā* 16, and MV., p. 373.8: *etac ca śāntasvabhāvam ataimrikakeśādersanavat svabhāvarahitam*. The word *advaya* means *grāhyagrāhakarāhita*, 'without percipient and perceptible.' The word *tathatā* generally translated by 'suchness' or 'thisness' means 'absolute reality.' (*tatha* 'true'). Here this absolute reality is nothing but *śūnyatā* 'voidness' or 'relativity' as Stcherbatsky has, I think, rightly translated. It is meant here by using the word that things are *śūnya*, *prātītyasamutpanna*. See MV, p. 196: *śūnyatām tathatālakṣaṇām*; *Śikṣāsamuccaya*, p. 263: *Dharmasangītyām apy uktam tathatā tathateti kulaputra śūnyatāyā etad adhivacanam. sā ca śūnyatā notpadyate na nirudhyate. āha. yady evaṃ dharmāḥ śūnyā uktā bhagavatā kasmāt sarvadharmā notpatsyante na nirottsyante nirārambho bodhisattvaḥ. āha. evam eva kulputra tathā yathābhisambudhyase sarvadharmā notpadyante na nirodhyante. āha. yad etad uktam bhagavatā saṃskṛtā dharmā utpadyante niruddhyante cety asya tathāgatabhāṣitasya ko 'bhiprāyaḥ. āha. utpādanirōdhābhiniṣṭaḥ kulputra lokasanniveśaḥ. tatra tathāgato mahākāruṇiko lokasyottrāsapadaparihārārtham vyavahāraśāśād uktavān utpadyante nirudhyante ceti. no cātra kaśyacid dharmasyotpādo na nirodha iti. BPC, p. 354: para uttamo'rthaḥ paramārthaḥ akṛtrimam vastusvarūpam sarvadharmāṇām niḥsvabhāvatā śūnyatā tathatā bhūtakotīr dharmadhātur ityādiparyāyāḥ. See *Madhyāntavibhanga* of Maitreya-nātha, I. 16. Here the following is quoted from Sthiramati's *ṭīkā* (fol. 14<sup>a</sup>. 1. 3), the italicised words being in the commentary by Vasubandhu on the original work (*Tanjur*, Mdo, Bi, fol. 6<sup>a</sup>, 1. 2): *tatra ananyathārtthena tathateti avikriyārthenety [arthaḥ. tattvākhyānān nityam tātālvad ity uktam. nityam sarvasmin kāle 'saṃskṛtatvān na vikriyata ityarthaḥ.]*<sup>1</sup> See also *Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā*, pp. 273, 374; Stcherbatsky: *The Conception of Buddhist Nirvana*, p. 35.*

Things are *sama* 'equal' for all of them have no *utpāda* 'origination.' Let us cite here the following passage in the *Āryasatyadvayāvatārasūtra* quoted in the MV, pp. 374, 375: *paramārthataḥ sarvadharmānutpādasamā-tayā paramārthataḥ sarvadharmāntājātisamatayā samā dharmāḥ*. See *Gauḍapāda's Āgamaśāstra*, IV, 93.

<sup>1</sup> The following is in Vasubandhu's *Triṃśikā* (Lévi., p. 41): *tathatāpi sah. sarvakālaṃ tathābhāvāt. Com: tātātvā tathā hi prthagjanasaikṣyāsaikṣāvasthāsu tathāiva bhavati.*



## 5

- a C prthagjano vikalpacittena  
 T<sup>1</sup> prthagjanena tattvena  
 T<sup>2</sup> ātmānātmā na satyaḥ
- b C tattvata anātmānam ātmeti manyate  
 T<sup>1</sup> anātmany apy ātmā  
 T<sup>2</sup> prthagjanena kalpitaḥ
- c C tasmād uttiṣṭhanti kleśāḥ  
 T<sup>1</sup> sukhaṁ duḥkhaṁ upekṣā  
 T<sup>2</sup> sukhaṁ duḥkhaṁ apekṣā
- d C punar duḥkhasukhopekṣā  
 T<sup>1</sup> kleśāḥ sarvatra vikalpitāḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> kleśo mokṣas tathā

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c.

*Restoration.*

a C b ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C a ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C c-d ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.  
 d C c ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

In c for upekṣā (T<sup>2</sup>c btaṇ.sñoms, C d she) T<sup>1</sup>c reads apekṣā (bltos. pa) which is certainly not a good reading.

## 6

- a C devagatau (=śvarge) viśiṣṭaṁ sukhaṁ  
 T<sup>1</sup> saṁsāre gatayaḥ ṣoḍhā  
 T<sup>2</sup> saṁsāre gatayaḥ śat
- b C narake 'timātraṁ duḥkhaṁ  
 T<sup>1</sup> sugatāv uttamaṁ sukhaṁ  
 T<sup>2</sup> paramaḥ svargaḥ sukhaṁ ca
- c C sarvaṁ na satyagocaraḥ  
 T<sup>1</sup> narake ca mahāduḥkhaṁ  
 T<sup>2</sup> „
- d C ṣaḍ gatayo nityaṁ pravartante  
 T<sup>1</sup> viśayas tattvenācintyaḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> tāni viśayeṣu vedyante

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> d ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a

## Restoration.

a C d ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> b. b C a ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C b ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.  
d C c ; T<sup>1</sup> d.

T<sup>2</sup> d differs from all.

In d P of T<sup>1</sup> reads *yul.de.ñid.mi.bsam.pa* which is evidently an incomplete line. Here N adds *la* between *yul* and *de*, thus making the line complete. It is, however, not satisfactory. In order to make the line in P complete we may read *bsam* with N for *bsams*, adding *yod* at the end, and it agrees to some extent with C c.

## 7

a C loka jarā vyādhir maraṇam  
T<sup>1</sup> api cākuśalam duḥkham ca  
T<sup>2</sup> aśubhāt paramam duḥkham  
b C bhavati duḥkham anīṣṭam  
T<sup>1</sup> jarā vyādhir anityatā  
T<sup>2</sup> vyasanam prītyanityatā  
c C karmānusāreṇa patanam  
T<sup>1</sup> karmaṇām vipākaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> śubhair eva karmabhis tu  
d C tat satyam asukham  
T<sup>1</sup> sukham duḥkham eva ca  
T<sup>2</sup> śubham eva niścitam

## Comparison.

C a, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> d.  
T<sup>2</sup> d.

## Restoration.

a C b ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C a ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b c C c ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.  
d C d ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

For the reading *na* in b of T<sup>1</sup> Mr. Yamaguchi unnecessarily suggests to read *nad*, both the words *na* (= *na.ba*) and *nad* meaning *vyādhi* 'disease.' In b of T<sup>2</sup> we have *dgaḥ.na*, but may one not read here *dkaḥ* for *dgaḥ*? In that case it would mean *kṛcchram vyādhiḥ* or *kṛcchravyādhiḥ. mī.rtag* (*.ñid*) = *anityatā. rgud.pa* = *vyasana*.

## 8

a C sattvā mithyākālpāyā  
T<sup>1</sup> o



- T<sup>2</sup> anutpādāvabodhena utpādanāt (?)
- b C kleśāgninā dahyante  
     T<sup>1</sup>                   o  
     T<sup>2</sup>                   o
- c C narakādigaṭiṣu patanti  
     T<sup>1</sup>                   o  
     T<sup>2</sup> drśyante narakādiṣu
- d C yathā dāvāgninā vanam dahyate  
     T<sup>1</sup>                   o  
     T<sup>2</sup> doṣeṇa dāvāgñineva dahyante

Comparison.

C b-d, T<sup>2</sup> d ; C c, T<sup>2</sup> c.

Restoration.

a C a. b C d. c C b ; T<sup>2</sup> d. d C c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.

T<sup>1</sup> is entirely wanting. T<sup>2</sup> has only three lines a, c, and d, b being missing. The reading in a of T<sup>2</sup> is evidently defective. It does not give here any appropriate meaning. According to C *a cheng shéng wang fén pich* one may, as Mr. Yamaguchi suggests, read here *skye.bo.rlog.pas* for the original, meaning *janah kalpanayā*. Or in the original reading let one take *skye* for *skye.bo* (*janah*) or *skyes.bu* (*purusaḥ*) ; *med* which means *abhāva* may be taken in the sense of *abhūta* ; and *rlog.pas* (for the original *rtogs.pas*) means *kalpanayā* ; thus just like C we have *purusaḥ* (or *janah* or *sattvaḥ*) *abhūtakalpanayā*. In accordance with C b the following may be suggested for T<sup>2</sup>b : *ñon.mons.paḥi.mes.sreg.pa.ni=dahyate kleśavahninā*.

9

- a C sattvo mūlato yathā māyā  
     T<sup>2</sup> yathā yathā bhaven māyā
- b C punar māyāviṣayaṁ grahṇāti  
     T<sup>2</sup> tathā sattvo gocaraḥ
- c C gacchan māyākṛtāyām gatau  
     T<sup>2</sup> jagan māyāsvarūpaṁ
- d C na buddhyate pratītyasamutpannam  
     T<sup>2</sup> tathā pratītyasamutpannam

Comparison.

C a-b, T<sup>2</sup> a-b ; C d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

*Restoration.*

a T<sup>2</sup> a. b T<sup>2</sup> b. c T<sup>2</sup> c. d T<sup>2</sup> d.

This kārīkā is not in T<sup>1</sup>.

The restoration is entirely from T<sup>2</sup> with which C agrees substantially differing only in details. Tib. *ḥgro* in *c* may mean both *gati* and *jagat*. I prefer here the latter. For this C has *tāo* meaning *gati* (not *mārga*, though generally it is taken in that sense) as in *lu tao 'ṣaḍ gatayaḥ'*, Tib. *ḥgro.ba.rigs.drug*. This *gati* has already been referred to in kārīkā 6.

## 10

- a C yathā loke citrakarḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> samīcīnaś citrakaraḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> yathā citrakaro rūpaṃ  
b C yakṣasya ākr̥tim ankayati  
T<sup>1</sup> atibhyankaraṃ yamasya rūpaṃ  
T<sup>2</sup> yakṣasya bhayankarma ankayitvā (*lit.* ankanena)  
c C svayam ankayitvā svayaṃ bibheti  
T<sup>1</sup> ankayitvā svayaṃ bibheti  
T<sup>2</sup> tena svayaṃ bibheti  
d C sa ucyate ajñāḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> saṃsāre mūḍho 'pi tathā  
T<sup>2</sup> saṃsāre 'budhas tathā

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

The original kārīkā is found quoted in the Ṭikā of *Āścaryacaryācaya* wrongly named *Caryācaryaviniścaya*,<sup>1</sup> edited by Pandit Haraprasad Shastri with other three books in a volume named *Buddha Gāna o Dohā*, Vangīya Sāahitya-Pariṣad, 1323 B. S., p. 6.

In *d* of the original kārīkā as found in the above book is *saṃsāre hy abudhas tathā*. Here for *hi* one may read *api* agreeing with T<sup>1</sup> *d*: *ḥkhor.bar. rmoṃs.paḥaṇ. de bžin.no*. Mark here *ḥaṇ*.

In Yamaguchi's edition of the Tib. text read *skrag* for *srag* in *c* of T<sup>2</sup>, and *rmoṃs* for *rmoṇ* in *d* of T<sup>1</sup>.

The main difference among C, T<sup>2</sup>, and T<sup>1</sup> is that the last one reads *yama* for *yakṣa* in the first two supported by the original Sanskrit.

<sup>1</sup> For details see my note in *The Indian Historical Quarterly*, Vol. VI, No. 1.



## 11

- a C sattvaḥ svayaṃ utpādayati rāgaṃ  
 T<sup>1</sup> yathā svayaṃ paṅkaṃ krtvā  
 T<sup>2</sup> yathā svayaṃ paṅke calanena  
 b C tena saṃsārahetuṃ  
 T<sup>1</sup> bālaḥ kaścid ākrṣṭaḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> bālaḥ kaścin nimagnaḥ  
 c C kṛtvā bibheti patanāt  
 T<sup>1</sup> tathātyānanda-  
 T<sup>2</sup> tathā kalpanāpanke nimajjya  
 d C ajñānāvimuktaḥ  
 T<sup>1</sup> vikalpapaṅke sattvā nimagnāḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> sattvā udgamanākṣamāḥ

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a; C b, c, d differ from T<sup>1</sup> and T<sup>2</sup>; T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b; T<sup>1</sup> c differs from C, T<sup>2</sup>; T<sup>2</sup> c, T<sup>1</sup> d; T<sup>2</sup> d excepting the word *sattva* (C a, T<sup>1</sup> d) differs from C and T<sup>1</sup>. In d C *avimukta* may be compared with *udganākṣama* in T<sup>2</sup>.

*Restoration.*

- a T<sup>1</sup> a; T<sup>2</sup> a. b T<sup>1</sup> b; T<sup>2</sup> b. c T<sup>1</sup> d; T<sup>2</sup> c. d T<sup>2</sup> d.

The restoration is mainly from T<sup>2</sup>. In the end of a of C *jan* 'to dye' implies *rañjana*, here *rāga* 'attachment'.

In b of T<sup>1</sup> both P as in Yamaguchi's edition and N read *dgaḥ* which must be changed to *ḥgaḥ*.

## 12

- a C sattvā mithyācittena  
 T<sup>1</sup> abhāve bhāvadarśanena  
 T<sup>2</sup> „  
 b C utpādayanti mohamalarāgam  
 T<sup>1</sup> vedyate duḥkhavedanā  
 T<sup>2</sup> „  
 c C niḥsvabhāvaṃ kalpayanti sasvabhāvaṃ  
 T<sup>1</sup> ātānkaviparītabuddhyā  
 T<sup>2</sup> jñānaviṣayayos tayoh  
 d C vedyante duḥkhe'tiduḥkhaṃ  
 T<sup>1</sup> kalpanāviṣeṇa bādhyante  
 T<sup>2</sup> vitarkaviṣeṇa bādhyante

*Comparison.*

C a-b, T<sup>1</sup> c ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ;  
T<sup>2</sup> c differs from all ; T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

*Restoration.*

a T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C d ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c T<sup>2</sup> c. d T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

In the end of a in T<sup>1</sup> both P and N read *min* which cannot be accepted. T<sup>2</sup> of N reads there *yin*. According to it one may read in T<sup>1</sup> a, too, *yin* for *min*. Yamaguchi suggests here *yis* agreeing with T<sup>2</sup>a of P which has *yis*. Undoubtedly this reading is better. At the beginning of a of T<sup>1</sup>, P has, as Yamaguchi says, *dogs*, while N reads *rtogs*. Both the readings are wrong, the true reading being *rlog*. Read *rlog* also for *rtogs* in d of T<sup>2</sup> of N.

## 13

- a C buddhaḥ paśyati tān atrāṇān  
T<sup>1</sup> tān aśaraṇān dṛṣṭvā  
T<sup>2</sup> teṣāṃ asāratādarśanena  
b C tata utpādayati karuṇācittam  
T<sup>1</sup> karuṇāvaśamānasah  
T<sup>2</sup> prajñākāruṇyena manasā  
c C tata utpādayati bodhicittam  
T<sup>1</sup> hitakaro buddhaḥ sattvebhyaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> sattvānām upakārāya  
d C vipulam abhyasyati<sup>1</sup> bodhicaryām  
T<sup>1</sup> sambodhicaryām karoti<sup>2</sup> (N)

Or

sambodhau yogaṃ karoti<sup>2</sup> (P)  
T<sup>2</sup> sambuddhasya yogaṃ kuryāt

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> a-c, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C c differs from both T<sup>1</sup> and T<sup>2</sup> ; T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

*Restoration.*

a C a ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C b ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.  
d C d ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

In T<sup>1</sup> for *spyod* in d of N we have *sbyor* in P. In T<sup>2</sup> for *sbyar* in d of N there is *sbyor* in P.

<sup>1</sup> Or *abhyasyet*.

<sup>2</sup> Or *kuryāt*.



## 14

- a C prapto'nuttarajñānaphalaṃ  
 T<sup>1</sup> tayā puṇyasambhāraṃ sañcitya  
 T<sup>2</sup> tena ca sambhāraḥ sañcitaḥ saṃvṛtau
- b C tadā parikṣate lokam  
 T<sup>1</sup> kalpanājālān muktaḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> anuttarāṃ bodhiṃ prāptaḥ
- c C vikalpān bandhaḥ  
 T<sup>1</sup> anuttarāṃ jñānam prāptaḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> kalpanābandhanān muktaḥ
- d C tasmād bhavati hitakaraḥ  
 T<sup>1</sup> buddho lokabāndhavaḥ syāt  
 T<sup>2</sup> buddhaḥ sa lokabāndhavaḥ

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> b ; T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> b,  
 T<sup>2</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

T<sup>1</sup> a with regard to *saṃvṛtau* entirely differs from C and T<sup>2</sup>. T<sup>1</sup> a,  
 and T<sup>2</sup> a have also no agreement with C.

*Restoration.*

a T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C a ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C a ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> c.  
 d C b-d ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

## 15

- a C pratītyasamutpādat  
 T<sup>1</sup> bhūtārthadarśanāya  
 T<sup>2</sup> yathā[vat-]pratītyasamutpādāt
- b C jñāti bhūtārtham  
 T<sup>1</sup> jātayathārthajñānaḥ  
 T<sup>2</sup> bhūtārtham avalokate
- c C atha paśyati lokam śūnyam  
 T<sup>1</sup> tata ādyantavarjitam  
 T<sup>2</sup> jagac chūnyam jñāti
- d C ādimadhyāntakoṭivarjitam  
 T<sup>1</sup> jagac chūnyam eva paśyati  
 T<sup>2</sup> ādimadhyāntavarjitam

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> d.

*Restoration.*

a C a ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C b ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C c ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> c ;  
d C d ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

16

- a C paśyati saṁsāraṁ nirvāṇaṁ  
T<sup>1</sup> ta ātmataḥ saṁsāraṁ  
T<sup>2</sup> evaṁ darśanena saṁsāraḥ  
b C etad ubhayam anātmataḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> nirvāṇaṁ ca na paśyanti  
T<sup>2</sup> nirvāṇaṁ ca na tattvataḥ  
c C nirvāṇaṁ avipariṇataṁ  
T<sup>1</sup> nirañjanaṁ nirvikāraṁ  
T<sup>2</sup> akliṣṭākāraṁ  
d C ādīśuddham nityaśāntam  
T<sup>1</sup> ādīśāntaṁ prabhāsvaraṁ  
T<sup>2</sup> ādimadhyāntaprakṛtibhāsvaraṁ

*Comparison.*

C a-b, T<sup>1</sup> a-b ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

*Restoration.*

a-b C a-b ; T<sup>1</sup> a-b ; T<sup>2</sup> a-b. c C c ; T<sup>1</sup> c. d C d ; T<sup>1</sup> d ;  
T<sup>2</sup> c-d.

For the first half of the restored kārīkā cf. *Yuktiṣaṣṭikā* 7 :

srid.pa. daṇ. ni. mya.ṇan.ḥdas 1  
gñis. po. ḥdi. ni. yod. ma. yin 11

It may be translated thus :

nirvāṇaṁ ca bhavaś caiva  
dvayam etan na vidyate 1

There is an almost entire agreement between C and T<sup>1</sup>. The expression *ātmato* and *na* (*bdag.ñid* and *mī*) in *a* and *b* respectively of T<sup>1</sup> is in fact *anātmataḥ* (*wu wo*) in *b* of C. Here *ātman* means 'essence' *svarūpa*, which is the same as *tattva* (*tattvataḥ*, *de.ñid*) of T<sup>2</sup> *b*.

In *c* of C *wu jan* means *anupaliṣṭa*. (Rosenburg: *Introduction*, Tokyo, 1916, p. 309) and this can be taken as a synonym for *nirañjana*,



*ma. gos* in T<sup>1</sup> c. Tib. *gos.pa* means *lipta* in Sanskrit (Sarat Chandra Das, *Tib.-Eng.Dict.*, p. 233). Therefore *ma.gos.pa* is *alīpta* and this is in fact *nirañjana*. The word *nirañjana* in the *Tattvaratnāvalī* published in the volume called *Advayavajrasaṅgraha*, GOS, p. 18, l. 24, is translated in its Tibetan version actually by *ma.gos.pa*. For the significance of the word see *Madhyamakavṛtti*, pp. 285-6: *yaś ca vibhavo 'nupādānāḥ [sa] skandharahitatvāt prajñāptyupādānakāraṇarahitatvān nirhetukaḥ syāt. yaś cānupādāno nirañjano'vyakto nirhetukaḥ kaḥ sa na kaścit saḥ*. Cf. *Bramabindūpaniṣat*, 4: *nirvikalpaṁ nirañjanam*.

T<sup>1</sup>c *nirvikāra* (*hgyur.ba.med*) and Cc *aviṣarīṇata* (*wu hui*) are the same. Rosenberg, *Op. cit.*, p. 102. In such cases there is no difference between *vikāra* and *viṣarīṇama*. In fact *nirvikāra* is *asaṁskṛta*. See *Mahāyānasūtrālankāra*, XI 37: *avikāritā asaṁskṛtam ākāśādīkam*.

T<sup>1</sup> d *gzod 'ādi'* and C d *pên 'mūla'* may be taken here in the same sense.

T<sup>2</sup>c *akliṣṭākāra* (*ñon.mōṁs.pa.yi.rnam.pa.med*) is in reality *śuddha* of C d *ch'ing ching*.

For T<sup>1</sup>d *prabhāśvara* (*hod.gsal.ba*) and T<sup>2</sup>d *prakṛti-bhāśvara* (*raṇ.bžin.gsal* [as in N, P *bsal*] see *Madhyamakavṛtti*, p. 444; and *Mahāyānasūtrālankāra*, XI. 13:

tattvaṁ yat satataṁ dvayena rahitaṁ bhrānteś ca saṁniśrayaḥ  
śakyam naiva ca sarvathābhilapitūṁ yac cāprapañcātmakam l  
jñeyaṁ heyam atho viśodhyam amalāṁ yac ca prakṛtyā mataṁ  
yasyākāśasavarṇavārisadṛśī kleśād viśuddhir matā ll

tr̥tīyaṁ viśodhyaṁ cāgantukamalād viśuddhaṁ ca prakṛtyā. yasya prakṛtyā  
viśuddhyasyākāśasavarṇavārisadṛśī kleśād viśuddhiḥ. na hy ākāśādīni  
prakṛtyā aśuddhāni. na cāgantukamalāpagamāad eśāṁ viśuddhir  
neṣyata iti.

In T<sup>2</sup>d *ādimadhyānta* (*lhog.ma.dbus.mtḥaḥ*) means 'beginning, middle and end.' These are the different stages of a thing; they are merely supposed by ordinary people, but in reality there are no such things.

T<sup>1</sup>d *ādiśānta* (*gzod.nas.ži*) 'originally quiescent' and Cd *nityaśānta* (*ch'ang chi*) 'eternally quiescent' are the same. This is well-known in the *Madhyamaka* system; for instance, see Nāgārjuna's *Madhyamakakārikā* VII, 16:

pratītya yad yad bhavati tat tac chāntaṁ svabhāvatatḥ l  
tasmād utpyadamānaṁ ca śāntam utpattir eva ca ll

See *Madhyamakāvalāra* (Tib. text), p. 225 ; Gauḍapāda's *Āgamaśāstra* with the present writers commentary (to be published soon), IV. 93, and *Mahāyānasūtrāṅkāra*, XI. 51 : yo hi niḥsvabhāvaḥ so'nutpanno yo 'nutpannaḥ so 'niruddho yo 'niruddhaḥ sa ādiśānto ya ādiśāntaḥ sa prakṛtiparinirvṛta iti ; MV, p. 225 :

ādiśāntā hyanutpannāḥ prakṛtyaiva ca nirvṛtāḥ.

Gauḍapāda's *Āgamaśāstra*, IV. 93.

ādiśāntā hy anutpunnāḥ prakṛtyaiva sunirvṛtāḥ |

sarve dharmāḥ samābhinnā ajam sāmyaṁ viśāradam ||

17

- a C svapnaviṣayān  
T<sup>1</sup> svapnānubhavaviṣayaṁ  
T<sup>2</sup> svapne 'nubhūyamānaṁ
- b C prabuddho na paśyati  
T<sup>1</sup> „  
T<sup>2</sup> pratyavekṣako na paśyati
- c C jñānī mohanidrāprabuddhaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> mohāndhakāraprabuddhaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> mohāndhakārodbuddhasya
- d C na paśyati saṁsāram  
T<sup>1</sup> saṁsāraṁ naiva paśyati  
T<sup>2</sup> saṁsārā nopalabhyante

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>1</sup> a ; C b, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b ; C c, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C d, T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.

*Restoration.*

- a C a ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C b ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C c ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.
- d C d ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T<sup>2</sup> d.

There is complete agreement of all the versions. Yamaguchi is quite right in suggesting that in T<sup>2</sup>b one should read *rlogs* for *rlog*, and *min* for *yin* found in both the editions, P and N.

18

- a C teṣu dharmeṣu dharmatāyāṁ  
T<sup>2</sup> māyānirmitaṁ māyā dṛśyate
- b C tattvānveṣiṇā kiñcid api dharmo nopalabhyate  
T<sup>2</sup> yadā saṁskṛtaṁ tadā
- c C yathā loke māyācāryo māyāvastu karoti



- T<sup>2</sup> kiñcid api bhavo nāsti  
 d C jñāninā tathā jñātavyam  
 T<sup>2</sup> dharmāṇām saiva dharmatā

*Comparison.*

C a, T<sup>2</sup> d ; C b, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C c, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C d and T<sup>2</sup> b differ from each other.

*Restoration.*

a T<sup>2</sup>a ; Cc. b Cb (last part) ; T<sup>2</sup>b. c Cb ; T<sup>2</sup>c. d T<sup>2</sup>d ; Ca.  
 In T<sup>2</sup>a māyā- in māyānirmita (*rgyu.mas.sprul.pa*) may be explained as māyākāra agreeing with C māyācārya (*huan shih*). On nirmita see Nāgārjuna's *Madhyamakakārikā*, XVII. 31, 32.

dharmāṇām dharmatā is 'the real state or nature of a thing' or 'element of the elements' as translates Stcherbatsky. *Madhyamakavṛtti*, p. 364 : dharmatā dharmasvabhāvo dharmaprakṛtiḥ. It is variously described ; see Stcherbatsky : *The Conception of Buddhist Nirvāṇ*, 1927, p. 47.

In T<sup>2</sup>b-c, yadā° nāsti briefly means that whatever is saṃskṛta 'compound' is pratyayasamutpanna and therefore śūnya. See *Madhyamakakārikā*, VII, specially 33 :

utpādashthitibhāṅganām asiddher nāsti saṃskṛtam 1

18a

For this kārikā see kārikā 21.

19

- a C idam sarvaṃ cittaṃ mātṛam  
 T<sup>1</sup>  
 T<sup>2</sup>                   "  
 b C sthāpyate māyānirmāṇalakṣaṇam  
 T<sup>1</sup> māyāvad jāyate  
 T<sup>2</sup> māyāvad avatiṣṭhate  
 c C kriyate kuśalam akusalam karma  
 T<sup>1</sup> tataḥ kuśalam akusalam ca karma  
 T<sup>2</sup> kuśalair akusalaiś ca karmabhiḥ  
 d C bhujiyate kuśalākusalā jātiḥ  
 T<sup>1</sup> tato jātir uttamādhama ca  
 T<sup>2</sup> tata uttamā adhamāś ca jātayaḥ

## Comparison.

Ca, T<sup>1</sup>a, T<sup>2</sup>a; Cb, T<sup>1</sup>b, T<sup>2</sup>b; Cc, T<sup>1</sup>c, T<sup>2</sup>c<sub>H</sub> Cd, T<sup>1</sup>d, T<sup>2</sup>d.

## Restoration.

a Ca; T<sup>1</sup>a; Ta. b Cb; T<sup>1</sup>b; T<sup>2</sup>b. c Cc; T<sup>1</sup>c; T<sup>2</sup>c.  
d Cd; T<sup>1</sup>d; T<sup>2</sup>d.

In Cb I take *an* and *li* meaning 'to lay down' and 'to stand' respectively in the sense of Skt. *sthāpanā* 'causing to stand.' In Cd *kan* 'to be effected,' 'to be moved' may be taken to mean Skt. *√bhuj* 'to suffer,' 'to experience,' 'to undergo.'

In T<sup>2</sup>d I should like to read *de.las* for *de.yis* found in P as well as in N.

On the point that the world is nothing but *citta* as held by Yogācāras the reader may be referred, among many others, to the following: Vasubandhu's *Viṃśatikārikā* 1; *cittamātram* bho jinaputra yad uta traidhātukam, quoted in its *vṛtti* (Lévi, p. 3); *Daśabhūmikasūtra*, Rahder, p. 49; *Subsāṣitasamgraha*, Bendall, p. 19; *Laṅkāvatāra*, Nanjio, III. 51-53, p. 164; X. 153-154, p. 285; p. 169; III. 66, 78, pp. 180, 186. Cf. *Gauḍapāḍakārikā*, III, 31; IV 47, 61, 72.

## 20

- a C cittacakre niruddhe  
T<sup>1</sup> „  
T<sup>2</sup> cittacakranirodhena  
b C tadā sarve dharmā niruddhāḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> sarva eva dharmā niruddhāḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> sarve dharmā nirudhyante  
c C ete dharmā anātmānaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> tata eva dharmā anātmānaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> tasmād dharmā anātmānaḥ  
d C sarve dharmā viśuddhāḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> tata eva dharmā viśuddhāḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> tena dharmā viśuddhāḥ

## Comparison.

C a, T<sup>1</sup> a, T<sup>2</sup> a; C b, T<sup>1</sup> b, T<sup>2</sup> b; C c, T<sup>1</sup> c, T<sup>2</sup> c; C d,  
T<sup>1</sup> d, T<sup>2</sup> d.



*Restoration.*

a C a ; T<sup>1</sup> a ; T<sup>2</sup> a. b C b ; T<sup>1</sup> b ; T<sup>2</sup> b. c C c ; T<sup>1</sup> c ; T<sup>2</sup> c.  
d Cd ; T<sup>1</sup> d ; T d.

In T<sup>1</sup>c and d, *de.ñid* literally means *tattva* or *tad eva*, but it is to be taken here for *de.ñid.phyir*, *tata eva*, or *tenaiva* (*phyir* being understood in the Tib. text), and it is evident from *de.phyir* and *des.na* in T<sup>2</sup>c and d respectively.

## 21

Here while T<sup>2</sup> has only one kārīkā No. 21, T<sup>1</sup> and C have two kārīkāś each, Nos. 16-17 and 18-19 respectively. Their difference is as below :

- a C 18 mohāndhakārāvṛtāḥ  
C 19 yadi vikalpyate jātīmān  
T<sup>1</sup> 16 bhāveṣu niḥsvabhāveṣu  
T<sup>1</sup> 17 jātiḥ svayaṁ na jātā  
T<sup>2</sup> bhāve svabhāve vā
- b C 18 patanti saṁsārasāgare  
C 19 satto na yathāyuktaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> 16 nityātmasukhasamjñayā  
T<sup>1</sup> 17 jātir lokair vikalpitā  
T<sup>2</sup> nityaṁ sukhasamjñā
- c C 18 ajātaṁ manyate jātāṁ  
C 19 saṁsāradharṁ  
T<sup>1</sup> 16 rāgamohatamaśchannasya  
T<sup>1</sup> 17 vikalpāḥ sattāś ca  
T<sup>2</sup> mohāndhakārāvaraṇena
- d C 18 utpādayanti loka vikalpam  
C 19 utpādayate nityātmasukhasamjñā  
T<sup>1</sup> 16 bhavābdir ayam udbhūtaḥ  
T<sup>1</sup> 17 ubhayam etan na yujyate  
T<sup>2</sup> bālaḥ saṁsārasāgare bhramati

*Comparison.*

C 18 a, T<sup>1</sup> 16 c, T<sup>2</sup> c ; C 18 b, T<sup>1</sup> 16 d, T<sup>2</sup> d ; C 18 c, T<sup>1</sup> 17 a (cf. C 19 a) ; C 18 d, T<sup>1</sup> 17 b ; C 19 b, T<sup>1</sup> 17 c-d ; C 19 c, T<sup>1</sup> 16 a, T<sup>2</sup> a ; C 19 d, T<sup>1</sup> 16 b, T<sup>2</sup> b.

C 18 a-b, T<sup>1</sup> 16 c-d, T<sup>2</sup> c-d ; C 19 c-d, T<sup>1</sup> 16 a-b, T<sup>2</sup> a-b ; C 18 c-d, T<sup>1</sup> 17 a-b.

*Restoration.*

*a-b* C19 *c-d* ; T<sup>1</sup>16 *a-b* ; T<sup>2</sup> *a-b*. *c-d* C18 *a-b* ; T<sup>1</sup>16 *c-d* ; T<sup>2</sup> *c-d*.

Strictly speaking the restoration is entirely from T<sup>1</sup>16. T<sup>1</sup>17 may be translated as *jātimān na svayaṃ jātaḥ*<sup>1</sup> given as No. 18a in the body.

In C19a, *yu shêg* 'one having birth (*jātir*),' 'jātimān' is the same as 'jīva.' See Rosenberg, *Op. Cit.*, p. 244. Accordingly in T<sup>1</sup>17a, I think, one should read *skye.bo* 'jana,' or *skyes.bu* 'puruṣa' for *skye ba* in both N and P. In the same line read *skyes* with N for *skye* before *rnams* in P as printed in Yamaguchi's edition. In *b*, *sesm* is evidently a misprint for which read *sems* as in N.

## 22

- a* C saṃsārakraparivartanamahāsāgarā  
T<sup>1</sup> o  
T<sup>2</sup> kalpanānadīpūrṇasya  
*b* C sattvaḥ kleśasālasampūrṇe  
T<sup>1</sup> mahāyānam anāśritaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> saṃsāramahāsāgarasya  
*c* C yadi nohyate mahāyānena  
T<sup>1</sup> saṃsāramahāsāgarasya  
T<sup>2</sup> mahāyānanāvam anārūḍhaḥ  
*d* C niścayena katham prāpnuyāt tatpāram  
T<sup>1</sup> pāram uttīrṇo na bhaviṣyati  
T<sup>2</sup> kaḥ pāram gamiṣyati

*Comparison.*

C *a*, T<sup>1</sup> *c*, T<sup>2</sup> *b* ; C *b*, T<sup>2</sup> *a* ; C *c*, T<sup>1</sup> *b*, T<sup>2</sup> *c* ; C *d*, T<sup>1</sup> *d*, T<sup>2</sup> *d*.

*Restoration.*

*a* Cb ; T<sup>2</sup>a. *b* Ca ; T<sup>1</sup>c ; T<sup>2</sup>b. *c* Cc ; T<sup>1</sup>b ; T<sup>2</sup>c. *d* Cd ; T<sup>1</sup>d ; T<sup>2</sup>d.

T<sup>1</sup>a is missing in both P and N. In T<sup>2</sup> one may read *chu.yis* for *chu.bos* agreeing with C *b*. It has already been said in the Introduction §5 that this *kārikā* is in fact identical with the *Jñāśiddhi*, XI. 8, dealing with the Vajrayāna system.

<sup>1</sup> See below. Cf. *sattvāḥ* in *c*. In accordance with the actual reading as found in the xylograph this line should be translated as  
*jātir naiva svayaṃ jātā.*



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- a C buddhena vistaraśo lokadharmo deśitaḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> avidyāpratyutpannam idam  
b C jñeyam idam avidyāpratyayotpannam  
T<sup>2</sup> samyag lokavidaḥ paścāt  
c C yadi vikalpacittam anutpādayitum śakyate  
T<sup>2</sup> eṣāṃ vikalpānām  
d C sarve sattvāḥ katham jātāḥ  
T<sup>2</sup> kuta udbhavo bhavet

*Comparison.*

- a T<sup>2</sup>a. b T<sup>2</sup>b. c T<sup>2</sup>c. d T<sup>2</sup>d.

*Restoration.*

- a T<sup>2</sup>a. b. T<sup>2</sup>b. c. T<sup>2</sup>c. d. T<sup>2</sup>d.

There is no T<sup>1</sup>.

In *Tb phyir* (*paścāt*) 'after' means 'after the truth of the world is perfectly known.' This is omitted in the restoration.

*The Colophon.*

C Mahāyānakārikāvimśakaśāstram mahā-Nāgārjuna-kṛtam Saṅ-  
kālikena Bhārtīyena traipitakena Dānapālena parivartitam.

T<sup>1</sup> Mahāyānavimśakam ācāryārya-Nāgārjuna-kṛtam sampūrṇam  
Kāśmīrakeṇa paṇḍitena Ānandena parivartakena bhikṣuṇā Kīrttibhūti-  
prajñena ca parivartitam.

T<sup>2</sup> Mahāyānavimśakam ācārya-Nāgārjunapāda-kṛtam sampūrṇam.  
Bhārtīyena paṇḍitena Candrakumāreṇa bhikṣuṇā Śākyaprabheṇa ca  
parivartitam.





